

Proclamation

Presented to

Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett

WHEREAS, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett was born in Honolulu on February 22, 1954, and raised in Kāneʻohe by parents Alexander Kapilialoha Hewett and Alice Pualeilani Kanaʻa Hewett in the home of his maternal grandparents, Frank Kanaʻa and Eva Wahinealiʻi Rowan Kanaʻa, first learning the art of *hula* under his grandmother; and

WHEREAS, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett began formal training in *hula* in 1972 under *kahuna* Emma deFries, focusing on traditional healing and *hula* until his *ʻūniki* in 1980, going on to perform *hula* throughout the islands and beyond in a variety of venues, including as featured soloist for 26 years with the group “Olomana”; and

WHEREAS, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett has served as a pillar of the Windward community, teaching *hula* at Kāneʻohe District Park since 1972 and holding his annual *hoʻike* through three decades while providing a spiritual foundation as Cultural Director of the Waimanalo Health Center, practicing traditional Hawaiian medicine through the ʻĀi Kupele program, including *laʻau lapaʻau* (herbal therapy), *lomilomi* (massage), and *hoʻoponopono* (counseling); and

WHEREAS, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett lent his wisdom and judgment as a judge for the Merrie Monarch Festival and board member of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and shared his knowledge as an educator at Windward Community College, Maui Community College, Molokai Community College, and the Women’s Community Correctional Center; and

WHEREAS, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett has collaborated with many of Hawaii’s distinguished musicians in his recording career, with his *haku mele* being recognized by the Na Hoku Hanohano Awards; and


WHEREAS, Frank Kawaikapuokalani Hewett serves as an educator sharing the beauty, history and practice of the *hula* and Hawaiian healing arts at his Kahalelehua school and retreat center in Ola, Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawaii do hereby proclaim May 18, 2014, as

“FRANK KAWAIKAPUOKALANI HEWETT DAY”

in Hawaii, and ask all citizens of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing his great contributions as an artist, composer, educator and healer as we honor his 60th year in the islands.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawaii, this sixteenth day of May 2014.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaiʻi


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawaiʻi